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EDUCATION: The Foundation of Life's Opportunities

As a volunteer in the classroom for over twenty years, Mike McIntyre is committed to ensuring that education is at the heart of everything we do to move our communities forward. Earlier this year, Congress passed and the President signed a comprehensive education reform bill. The No Child Left Behind Act begins a new day for America's children and for America's education system. The four major principles of this bill include: 1) accountability for results; 2) flexibility with local control; 3) resources for reform; and 4) parental options with responsibility. In addition, this law requires: 1) annual testing of all public school students in reading and math, grades 3-8, by 2005-2006; 2) a quality teacher in every public school classroom by 2005; 3) annual report cards on school performance for parents; and 4) ensuring that every child reads by the 3rd grade.

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Congressman McIntyre has met with workers, such as Julia McRae, to hear their concerns first-hand at local factories.

Fighting for Jobs

Helping Our Communities

Congressman Mike McIntyre has developed a 20-point plan specifically to assist in attracting and retaining good-paying jobs for our area. Highlights of this JOBS-NC plan include:

1. Providing employers with tax credits for every job added in rural areas;
2. Designating areas as NAFTA-impacted communities to attract companies and foster job creation;
3. Enacting the Southeast Crescent Authority, which will target resources to projects on a county-by-county level as a means of fighting unemployment and poverty in economically-distressed areas;
4. Ensuring that our workers have adequate job-training programs and resources;
5. Increasing access to capital for small businesses and minority business development; and
6. Bringing passenger rail service to southeastern North Carolina

Congressman McIntyre has supported and will continue to support measures in Congress to generate job creation in areas hit hardest by plant closings, a slowing economy, and unfair trade bills.

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Protecting our Kids

DANGERS ON THE INTERNET

The Internet has clearly transformed the ways in which we live and work. Not only is it a marvelous educational tool for school children, but it has also enhanced our quality of life by connecting communities—both urban and rural—to government services, educational information, and health care resources. The Internet should not, however, become a tool for making violent and pornographic images available to the youth of our nation. Therefore, Congressman McIntyre supports two bills that would reduce the amount of pornography that is pushed upon our children: the Illegal Pornography Prosecution Act and the Children's Internet Protection Act. These bills would secure additional funding to prosecute Internet Pornography cases, enforce obscenity laws, and require any school or library desiring federal funding to use an Internet filtering device to block material deemed unsuitable for minors. Furthermore, Congressman McIntyre supported the Dot Kids Implementation and Efficiency Act, which creates a child-oriented Internet domain that will provide access only to material suitable for, and not harmful to, minors.



Working with some of his younger constituents, Congressman McIntyre encourages these students to practice computer skills in an after-school program.

Paying for Prescription Drugs

Congressman McIntyre supports a prescription drug plan for our senior citizens that is secure, has real benefits, offers choice, is affordable, and ensures that senior citizens in rural areas are not forgotten.

Representative McIntyre supports:

- A plan that provides benefits that are guaranteed and available everywhere—a defined benefit that includes a \$25/month premium, \$100 deductible, and pays 50-80% of the costs up to \$2000 and a catastrophic limit of \$2000 for out-of-pocket expenses;
- A plan that ensures our senior citizens have the choice of any medicine their doctor orders, the choice of affordability, and the choice of going to the same pharmacy to get their prescriptions filled; and
- A fully-paid program for Medicare beneficiaries below 150% of the poverty level.

Improving Healthcare

As Co-Chairman of the Rural Health Care Coalition, Congressman McIntyre is supporting several measures to ensure that our hospitals, community health centers, home health agencies, and hospices have the resources they need to provide quality care. In addition, he is working to increase the number of physicians and nurses that practice in rural areas.

Preserving Social Security

For over 65 years, Social Security has been one of the most important and successful programs in our nation. It has provided assistance to millions of young and old citizens. Social Security is a contract between the American people and the American government. It reflects the values and duties we share as Americans. We owe it to our grandparents, our parents, and our children to ensure its vitality.

Congressman McIntyre is committed to keeping the Social Security Trust Fund solvent to ensure that future generations receive the funds they have paid into the system.

Building Better Communities

A productive local/state/federal partnership is essential to ensuring that our communities grow and thrive. Congressman McIntyre works diligently with public and business officials to make sure that your tax dollars are coming back home. Some of the grants/loans that have positively impacted our counties are listed below:

Bladen

- **\$91,900** for Elizabethtown to extend sewer and water service to Westwood Robotics Technology
- **\$115,000** for Kelly VFD to purchase a new fire truck
- **\$90,000** for Carvers Creek Health Clinic

Brunswick

- **\$55,000** for Navassa VFD to purchase a pumper truck
- **\$248,000** for Grissettown-Longwood VFD to purchase a new fire truck

- **\$4 million** to rebuild the Oak Island Coast Guard Station

Columbus

- **\$77,500** for Farmers Union Day Care for expansion of the facility
- **\$170,000** to construct a rural health care facility in Bolton
- **\$160,000** for North Whiteville VFD to purchase a new tanker truck

Cumberland

- **\$467,000** for Bethany Rural Fire Department to purchase a new pumper fire truck and upgrade their facilities
- **\$1,850,000** for Fayetteville State University to keep adults in post-secondary education

Duplin

- **\$1,000,000** for a regional sewer project that will serve both Duplin and Pender counties
- **\$310,000** to restore the Wallace Train Depot

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A Coastal Success Story

With over 320 miles of shoreline that provide \$3 billion in economic impact and create approximately 50,000 jobs, the beaches and waterways of North Carolina are critical to business and job opportunities. Our coastal communities depend on quality, clean beaches to drive their economic engines. The beaches are an environmental treasure. Moreover, the waterways provide economic livelihood to our fishermen, shippers, tugboat operators, port workers, and recreational users.

Tourism is our nation's number one industry, resulting in many employment opportunities and revenue. Beaches remain the top destination for most tourists.

In addition to the economic impacts that beach restoration has upon our coastal communities and our nation, the restoration of beaches also meets several federal environmental goals, such as protecting endangered species and vital wetlands.

Deepening the navigation channel

of the Wilmington Port from 38 feet to 42 feet will enhance the delivery of international cargoes to and from business, industry, and consumers throughout the nation. The deeper channel will provide significant strategic mobilization benefits not only to the State Port, but also to our military troops and equipment from Ft. Bragg, private businesses, and the Military Ocean Terminal at Sunny Point.

Continued successes along our coast will benefit everyone.



Congressman McIntyre, Mayor Harry Simmons, and Mayor Horace Collier survey the newly-renourished Caswell Beach and Oak Island. Beaches in Brunswick, New Hanover and Pender have received federal help.

Helping our Farmers

During these times of uncertainty, Congressman McIntyre has worked tirelessly to ensure that the interests of our farmers are protected.

On March 12, 2002, he introduced landmark legislation, entitled the Tobacco Livelihood and Economic Assistance for our Farmers Act (T-LEAF), that proposes to buy out the tobacco program and compensate tobacco quota owners and growers for the value of their quota.

On May 13, 2002, the President signed into law the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act, which Congress passed, to ensure that farming remains a viable way of life for the thousands of hard-working farmers across the nation.

Protecting those who protect us

While still the most formidable and respected defense system in the world, our military needs increased funding for necessary improvements in manpower, equipment, and technology. To ensure that our nation's defense remains second to none, Congressman McIntyre supported and the U.S. House passed the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) for Fiscal Year 2003 with bipartisan support. The NDAA, which authorizes the largest single-year increase in defense spending since 1966, will not only improve the quality of life for our servicemen and women, but also will improve readiness activities that support operations, maintenance, and training. Moreover, this bill properly funds our homeland defenses and the war against terrorism by authorizing for the Department of Defense and for the Department of Energy national security programs for a total of \$383 billion. The provisions included in the NDAA will ensure that our military remains the most powerful and respected in the world.

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Additional highlights of this comprehensive reform bill include: providing financial and technical help to low performing schools; allowing federal funds to be used for tutoring, after-school services, and summer school programs; and consolidation of programs and targeting of resources that serve lower income students.

Congressman McIntyre is also supporting efforts to provide additional resources for school construction, special education for exceptional children (both the academically challenged and the gifted), and higher education.

In addition, telecommunications are an integral part of the curriculum in the classrooms, and many of our schools cannot afford the technology that is available. Congressman McIntyre has been a strong proponent of a federal program that has provided over \$20 million in discounts for telecommunication services and Internet access for the Seventh District.

Four Offices to Serve You

If you have questions or concerns on issues regarding the federal government, please contact one of my four offices, which are listed below.

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New Hanover

- **\$56,000** for New Hanover County Fire Departments for fire prevention programs
- **\$440,000** for NC Aquariums/Fort Fisher
- **\$275,000** for Southeast Community Credit Union to expand services, especially to minorities

Pender

- **\$552,000** for Pender County Wastewater collection project

Robeson

- **\$1,153,380** for construction of South Lumberton and East Lumberton Resource Centers for community activities
- **\$900,000** for infrastructure improvements at COMtech for job development
- **\$150,000** for the Rowland Public Library

Sampson

- **\$99,999** for Roseboro to make downtown improvements
- **\$2,000,000** for improvements to the Sampson County Courthouse and to the District Attorney's office



Robert Jones, Lumberton Mayor Ray Pennington, Leon Maynor, Congressman McIntyre, and Noah Woods join staff at a ribbon cutting for one of five Youth Opportunities Centers in Robeson County, funded by a \$20 million five-year federal grant.

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